

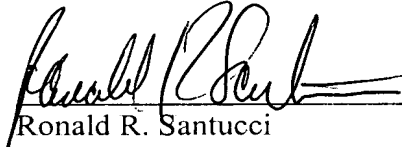
**REMARKS**

Consideration of the above amendments is respectfully requested. The above application has been amended to add the reference to the international application and its priority application. Applicants wish to note that the claims of the application were amended under Article 34 during the international phase, however, the amended claims do not appear as annexes to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. The IPRP does, however, indicate that the amended claims were received and considered. A copy of the amendments and the forwarding letter to the International Preliminary Examining Authority (the Austrian Patent Office) dated November 17, 2004 are enclosed. Therefore to ensure that the amended claims are prosecuted, the claims have been amended herein to conform with the amendments made during the international phase. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, an early examination of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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